

Remarks

The Examiner in the divisional application indicated both pending claims to be allowable. The Examiner noted that, “although applicant's amendment has overcome the rejections of the instant claims which are now allowable over the cited prior art, the claims should now be merged back into the parent application at this time.” As such, the appropriate action is to merge the allowed claims from the divisional application into the instant application and issue a notice of allowance.

An amended claim set that includes the pending claims from the divisional application is submitted herewith. The newly added claims, 18 and 19, corresponding to claims 18 and 20 from the divisional application, were indicated as allowable. As such, the Applicants request that the instant application with the merged claims be passed to issuance.

The Applicants are currently preparing a supplementary declaration under MPEP 1414.01, which will be submitted shortly.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 251-3509.

A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 502807 for any fees required under § 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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